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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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For: CONTROL APPARATUS FOR TRANSMISSION-EQUIPPED HYBRID VEHICLE,
AND CONTROL METHOD FOR THE SAME

AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed May 9, 2002, please amend the above identified
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1, 2, 20 and 21 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A control apparatus for a hybrid vehicle having an engine and a motor as drive power sources, and having a transmission that is disposed between the engine and a vehicle drive wheel and that changes drive power transmission by selection from a plurality of gear speeds, the control apparatus comprising:

a controller that detects a drive power requested for the vehicle drive wheel and that adjusts the drive power by setting an engine output increase, a motor output increase, and a gear speed change by increasing a gear ratio, in an order of descending priorities of:
(1) the engine output increase, (2) the motor output increase, and (3) the gear speed change by increasing the gear ratio, so as to achieve the drive power requested.

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